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The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-1m of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 [(a)] Not later than February [1, 2006, and annually thereafter] first,
4 annually, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
5 Development shall submit a report to the Governor and the General
6 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later
7 than thirty days after submission of the report to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on the
9 Department of Economic and Community Development's web site.
10 Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the following
11 information with regard to the activities of the Department of
12 Economic and Community Development during the preceding state
13 fiscal year:

14 [(1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy
15 during such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available
16 data, and including:

17 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

18 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment;

19 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry;

20 (D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the national
21 average;

22 (E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

23 (F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting
24 Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these
25 conditions and state efforts to address the problems;

26 (G) A brief summary of Connecticut's competitiveness as a place for
27 business, which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (i)
28 how the programs and policies of state government affect the state
29 economy and state business environment, (ii) the ability of the state to
30 retain and attract businesses, (iii) the steps taken by other states to
31 improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business, and
32 (iv) programs and policies the state could implement to improve the
33 competitiveness of the state in order to encourage economic growth;
34 and

35 (H) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems
36 appropriate.

37 (2) A statement of the department's economic and community
38 development objectives, measures of program success and standards
39 for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs
40 administered by the department.]

41 [(3)] (1) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the
42 department, including:

43 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
44 the department's assistance;

45 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
46 assistance: (i) Business activities, (ii) standard industrial classification
47 codes or North American industrial classification codes, (iii) number of
48 full-time jobs and part-time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number
49 of actual full-time jobs and actual part-time jobs during the preceding
50 state fiscal year, (v) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-
51 owned business, (vi) a summary of the terms and conditions for the
52 assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance,
53 job creation or retention requirements and anticipated wage rates, (vii)
54 the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources
55 that have been leveraged by the assistance, [(viii) the extent to which
56 employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered
57 by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique
58 economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in
59 which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x)] and (viii) the
60 amount of state investment;

61 (C) A portfolio analysis, including (i) an analysis of the wages paid
62 by recipients of financial assistance, (ii) the average portfolio wage,
63 median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, and (iii)
64 portfolio wage data by industry; [, and (iv) portfolio wage data by
65 municipality;]

66 (D) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii)
67 total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, and
68 (iv) portfolio leverage ratio; [, and (v) percentage of financial assistance
69 which was provided to high performance work organizations in the
70 preceding state fiscal year;] and

71 (E) An overview of the job creation and retention programs
72 administered by the department and an analysis of [the] their
73 estimated economic [effects of the department's economic
74 development investments] impact on the state's economy, including (i)
75 contribution to gross state product for the total economic development

76 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding
77 state fiscal year, and (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the
78 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity
79 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year. [, (iii) productivity of
80 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's
81 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or
82 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the
83 recipients of assistance are located, and (v) personal income.]

84 [(4)] (2) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the
85 department, including:

86 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
87 the department's assistance;

88 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
89 assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms
90 and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and
91 amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of
92 investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been
93 leveraged by such assistance;

94 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,
95 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, and (iii)
96 [total portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the
97 preceding state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v)] total
98 portfolio leverage ratio; [, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total
99 investments made in the preceding state fiscal year;] and

100 (D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the
101 department's economic development investments on the state's
102 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total
103 portfolio, [and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding
104 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the
105 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity
106 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of
107 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's

108 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv)] (ii) directly
109 or indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which
110 the recipients are located, and [(v)] (iii) personal income.

111 [(5) A summary of the department's economic and community
112 development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a
113 summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and
114 activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to
115 assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.]

116 [(6)] (3) A summary of the department's international trade efforts
117 in the preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a
118 summary of foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such
119 year.

120 [(7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of
121 new economic clusters, the measures taken by the commissioner
122 during the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of
123 economic clusters and the amount of bond funds expended by the
124 department during the previous fiscal year on each economic cluster.

125 (8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield-related efforts
126 and activities within the Office of Brownfield Remediation and
127 Development established pursuant to subsections (a) to (f), inclusive,
128 of section 32-9cc in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity
129 under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance
130 Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, (i) total
131 portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total
132 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
133 fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv)
134 total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
135 fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of
136 reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year,
137 (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield
138 remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio
139 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
140 fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield

141 remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the
142 developer and the location by street address and municipality and a
143 tracking of all funds administered through or by said office;

144 (B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the
145 Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund,
146 including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in
147 the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans
148 made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv)
149 the average time period between submission of application and the
150 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications
151 approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such
152 denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and
153 municipality; and

154 (C) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the dry
155 cleaning grant program, established pursuant to section 12-263m,
156 including, but not limited to, (i) information as to the number of
157 applications received, (ii) the number and amounts of grants made
158 since the inception of the program, (iii) the names of the applicants,
159 (iv) the time period between submission of application and the
160 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) which applications were
161 approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for any
162 denials, and (vi) a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and
163 grant program established pursuant to section 12-263m should
164 continue.

165 (9) The following information concerning enterprise zones
166 designated under section 32-70:

167 (A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

168 (B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure
169 the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining
170 the goals for such zones;

171 (C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone,

172 which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the
173 performance standards established under section 32-70a; and

174 (D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based
175 on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

176 (10) With regard to the grant program designated pursuant to
177 sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive, an assessment of program
178 performance.

179 (11) With regard to the fuel diversification program designated
180 pursuant to section 32-324g, an assessment of program performance.]

181 (4) A summary of the department's and the office of the permit
182 ombudsman's brownfield-related efforts and activities in the preceding
183 fiscal year.

184 [(12)] (5) With regard to the department's housing-development-
185 related functions and activities:

186 [(A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing
187 market during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent
188 and reasonably available data, and including, but not limited to, (i) a
189 brief description of the significant characteristics of such market,
190 including supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii)
191 any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate;]

192 [(B)] (A) A comprehensive assessment of current and future needs
193 for rental assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for the
194 elderly and disabled, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing
195 Finance Authority; and

196 [(C)] (B) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sectors
197 toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data
198 from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from
199 Connecticut municipalities. [;]

200 [(D) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria

201 set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g, pursuant to regulations that
202 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
203 adopt pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54. For the purpose of
204 determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section
205 8-30g, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of
206 dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent
207 United States decennial census; and

208 (E) A statement of the department's housing development
209 objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting
210 financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by
211 said commissioner.]

212 [(13)] (6) A presentation of the state-funded housing development
213 portfolio of the department, including:

214 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
215 such assistance; and

216 (B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and
217 conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state
218 financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and
219 other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, and
220 (iii) [the number of new units to be created and the number of units to
221 be preserved at the time of the application, and (iv)] the number of
222 actual new units created and number of units preserved.

223 [(14)] (7) An analysis of the state-funded housing development
224 portfolio of the department, including:

225 (A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio
226 value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)
227 portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new
228 unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
229 state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated
230 dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in
231 the preceding state fiscal year, and (vii) portfolio leverage ratio; [, and

232 (viii) leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the
233 preceding state fiscal year;] and

234 (B) A production and preservation analysis, including (i) the total
235 number of units created [, itemized by municipality,] for the total
236 portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
237 state fiscal year, (ii) the total number of elderly units created for the
238 total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the
239 preceding state fiscal year, (iii) the total number of family units created
240 for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in
241 the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) the total number of units preserved
242 [, itemized by municipality,] for the total portfolio and projects
243 receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) the
244 total number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for
245 projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal
246 year, (vi) the total number of family units preserved for the total
247 portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the
248 preceding state fiscal year, and (vii) [an analysis by income group of
249 households served by the department's housing construction,
250 substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for
251 each housing development, if applicable, and for each program,
252 including number of households served under each program by race
253 and data for all households, and (viii)] a summary of the department's
254 efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic
255 integration. [, including data on the racial composition of the
256 occupants and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that
257 is assisted under any housing program established by the general
258 statutes or a special act or that is supervised by the department,
259 provided no information shall be required to be disclosed by any
260 occupant or person on a waiting list for the preparation of such
261 summary.] As used in this subparagraph, "elderly units" means
262 dwelling units for which occupancy is restricted by age, and "family
263 units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is not restricted by
264 age.

265 [(15)] (8) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing

266 development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

267 (A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state
268 product; and

269 [(B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments
270 for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment
271 activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year;
272 and]

273 [(C)] (B) Personal income in the state.

274 [(16) With regard to the Housing Trust Fund and Housing Trust
275 Fund program, as those terms are defined in section 8-336m:

276 (A) Activities for the prior fiscal year of the Housing Trust Fund and
277 the Housing Trust Fund program; and

278 (B) The efforts of the department to obtain private support for the
279 Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund program.

280 (17) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan
281 program:

282 (A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the
283 preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the
284 total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal
285 year under each such component;

286 (B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan
287 application and review process;

288 (C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site
289 for such program;

290 (D) The average time period for the processing of loan or deferred
291 loan applications during such fiscal year; and

292 (E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such

293 fiscal year.

294 (18) An assessment of the performance of the Connecticut qualified
295 biodiesel producer incentive account grant program established
296 pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive.

297 (19) An assessment of the performance of the fuel diversification
298 grant program established pursuant to section 32-324g.]

299 [(20)] (9) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the
300 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic,
301 community and housing development, and an assessment of the
302 department's performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and
303 objectives.

304 [(21) With regard to the Connecticut Credit Consortium established
305 pursuant to section 32-9yy, a summary of the activity of such program,
306 including, but not limited to, the number of loans and lines of credit
307 applied for and approved, the size of the businesses, the amount of the
308 loans or lines of credit, and the amount repaid to date.

309 (22) With regard to the office of the permit ombudsman, established
310 pursuant to section 32-726:

311 (A) The names of applicants for expedited review;

312 (B) The date of request for expedited review;

313 (C) The basis upon which the applicant claimed eligibility for
314 expedited review;

315 (D) State agencies that participated in the permit review process;

316 (E) The dates on which the permit was granted or denied via the
317 expedited review process or the date the applicant was determined not
318 to be eligible for expedited review; and

319 (F) If applicable, the reason the applicant was determined not to be
320 eligible for the expedited review process.]

321 [(23)] (10) With regard to the Small Business Express program
322 established pursuant to section 32-7g, data on (A) the number of small
323 businesses that applied to the Small Business Express program, (B) the
324 number of small businesses that received assistance under said
325 program and the general categories of such businesses, (C) the
326 amounts and types of assistance provided, (D) the total number of jobs
327 on the date of application and the number proposed to be created or
328 retained, and (E) the most recent employment figures of the small
329 businesses receiving assistance.

330 [(24)] (11) With regard to airport development zones established
331 pursuant to section 32-75d, a summary of the economic and cost
332 benefits of each zone and, in consultation with the Connecticut Airport
333 Authority, any recommended revisions to any such zones.

334 (12) An overview of the department's activities related to tourism,
335 the arts and historic preservation.

336 [(b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any
337 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual
338 report provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.]

339 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is
340 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
341 *1, 2013*):

342 (a) The Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Economic and
343 Community Development, working with the Office of Workforce
344 Competitiveness, the Commissioners of Education and Social Services,
345 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
346 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in
347 consultation with the superintendent of the technical high school
348 system and one member of industry representing each of the economic
349 clusters, [identified by the Commissioner of Economic and
350 Community Development pursuant to section 32-1m] as defined in
351 section 32-222, as amended by this act, shall (1) review, evaluate and,
352 as necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree

353 programs offered by the technical high school system and the
354 community-technical college system to ensure that such programs
355 meet the employment needs of business and industry, and (2) develop
356 strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for
357 education and training and the employment needs of business and
358 industry.

359 Sec. 3. Subsection (k) of section 8-30g of the general statutes is
360 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
361 *1, 2013*):

362 (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (j),
363 inclusive, of this section, the affordable housing appeals procedure
364 established under this section shall not be available if the real property
365 which is the subject of the application is located in a municipality in
366 which at least ten per cent of all dwelling units in the municipality are
367 (1) assisted housing, or (2) currently financed by Connecticut Housing
368 Finance Authority mortgages, or (3) subject to binding recorded deeds
369 containing covenants or restrictions which require that such dwelling
370 units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the
371 units as housing for which persons and families pay thirty per cent or
372 less of income, where such income is less than or equal to eighty per
373 cent of the median income, or (4) mobile manufactured homes located
374 in mobile manufactured home parks or legally-approved accessory
375 apartments, which homes or apartments are subject to binding
376 recorded deeds containing covenants or restrictions which require that
377 such dwelling units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will
378 preserve the units as housing for which, for a period of not less than
379 ten years, persons and families pay thirty per cent or less of income,
380 where such income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the
381 median income. [The municipalities meeting the criteria set forth in
382 this subsection shall be listed in the report submitted under section 32-
383 1m.] As used in this subsection, "accessory apartment" means a
384 separate living unit that (A) is attached to the main living unit of a
385 house, which house has the external appearance of a single-family
386 residence, (B) has a full kitchen, (C) has a square footage that is not

387 more than thirty per cent of the total square footage of the house, (D)
388 has an internal doorway connecting to the main living unit of the
389 house, (E) is not billed separately from such main living unit for
390 utilities, and (F) complies with the building code and health and safety
391 regulations.

392 Sec. 4. Section 8-37yy of the general statutes is repealed and the
393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

394 (a) The Department of Economic and Community Development
395 shall, in consultation with the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability
396 Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section 8-37zz, establish
397 and maintain the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Fund for the
398 purpose of the preservation of eligible housing. The moneys of the
399 fund shall be available to the department to provide financial
400 assistance to the owners of eligible housing for the maintenance,
401 repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of eligible housing and for
402 other activities consistent with preservation of eligible housing,
403 including, but not limited to, (1) emergency repairs to abate actual or
404 imminent emergency conditions that would result in the loss of
405 habitable housing units, (2) major system repairs or upgrades,
406 including, but not limited to, repairs or upgrades to roofs, windows,
407 mechanical systems and security, (3) reduction of vacant units, (4)
408 remediation or abatement of hazardous materials, including lead, (5)
409 increases in development mobility and sensory impaired accessibility
410 in units, common areas and accessible routes, (6) relocation costs and
411 alternative housing for not more than sixty days, necessary because of
412 the failure of a major building system, and (7) a comprehensive
413 physical needs assessment. Financial assistance shall be awarded to
414 applicants consistent with standards and criteria adopted in
415 consultation with the joint standing committee of the General
416 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing.

417 (b) In each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30,
418 2009, the department may expend not more than seven hundred fifty
419 thousand dollars from the fund for reasonable administrative costs

420 related to the operation of the fund, including the expenses of the
421 State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee, the
422 development of analytic tools and research concerning the capital and
423 operating needs of eligible housing for the purpose of advising the
424 General Assembly on policy regarding eligible housing and the study
425 required by section 107 of public act 07-4 of the June special session.
426 Thereafter, the department shall prepare an administrative budget.

427 (c) The department may adopt regulations, in accordance with
428 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section and sections 8-
429 37xx, 8-37zz and 8-37aaa. Such regulations shall establish guidelines
430 for grants and loans, and a process for certifying an emergency
431 condition in not more than forty-eight hours and for committing
432 emergency funds, including costs of resident relocation, if necessary,
433 not more than five business days after application by the owner of
434 eligible housing for emergency repair financial assistance.

435 (d) In reviewing applications and providing financial assistance
436 under this section, the department, in consultation with the joint
437 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
438 matters relating to housing, shall consider the long-term viability of
439 the eligible housing and the likelihood that financial assistance will
440 assure such long-term viability. As used in this section, "viability"
441 includes, but is not limited to, continuous habitability and adequate
442 operating cash flow to maintain the existing physical plant and any
443 capital improvements and to provide basic services required under the
444 lease and otherwise required by local codes and ordinances.

445 [(e) On or before February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
446 department shall submit a report on the operation of the fund, for the
447 previous calendar year, to the General Assembly, in accordance with
448 section 32-1m. The report shall include an analysis of the distribution
449 of funds and an evaluation of the performance of said fund and may
450 include recommendations for modification to the program.]

451 Sec. 5. Section 8-336p of the general statutes is repealed and the
452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

453 (a) There is established the Housing Trust Fund program which
454 shall be developed and administered by the Department of Economic
455 and Community Development. The purpose of the program is to: (1)
456 Encourage the creation of housing for homeownership at a cost that
457 will enable low and moderate income families to afford quality
458 housing while paying no more than thirty per cent of gross household
459 income on housing, (2) promote the rehabilitation, preservation and
460 production of quality, well-designed rental and homeownership
461 housing affordable to low and moderate income families or persons,
462 (3) maximize the leveraging of state and federal funds by encouraging
463 private sector investment in housing developments receiving
464 assistance, (4) encourage housing that maximizes housing choices of
465 residents, (5) enhance economic opportunity for low and moderate
466 income individuals and their families, (6) promote the application of
467 efficient land use that utilizes existing infrastructure and the
468 conservation of open spaces, and (7) encourage the development of
469 housing which aids the revitalization of communities.

470 (b) Financial assistance shall be provided under subsection (a) of
471 this section to eligible applicants, as defined in section 8-336m, for
472 development of quality rental housing and homeownership for low
473 and moderate income families or persons. The financial assistance
474 made under the Housing Trust Fund program shall be paid from the
475 Housing Trust Fund established under section 8-336o, and may be in
476 the form of no interest and low interest loans, loan guarantees,
477 revolving loans, grants and appraisal gap financings and other similar
478 financings necessary to make rents or home prices affordable.
479 Financial assistance provided under this section shall supplement (1)
480 existing loan and tax credits programs available under state and
481 federal law, and (2) grants, loans or financial assistance from any
482 nonprofit or for-profit entity.

483 (c) The resources of the program shall be made available, at least
484 semiannually, on a competitive basis in accordance with the written
485 program guidelines and criteria adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of
486 section 8-336q.

487 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community
488 Development may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of
489 Policy and Management, solicit and accept contributions from private
490 entities, nonprofit and for-profit corporations, philanthropic
491 organizations and financial institutions, to support and expand the
492 resources available through the Housing Trust Fund. All such funds
493 shall be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund.

494 (2) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
495 may deposit any local, state or federal funds received by said
496 commissioner into the Housing Trust Fund, provided such funds are
497 received for purposes that do not conflict with the purposes of the
498 Housing Trust Fund program.

499 (e) (1) Any contribution to the Housing Trust Fund made pursuant
500 to subsection (d) of this section shall be distributed as designated by its
501 contributor, except that not more than fifty per cent of the contribution
502 may be designated. If no designation is specified, such funds shall be
503 used by the commissioner to further the purposes of sections 8-336m to
504 8-336q, inclusive.

505 (2) In each fiscal year that the Housing Trust Fund has funds
506 available for distribution, the commissioner shall allocate from said
507 fund three hundred thousand dollars for funding matching grants to
508 be dedicated to funding purchases of primary residences pursuant to
509 the provisions of sections 31-51ww to 31-51eee, inclusive.

510 (3) Any unexpended or unallocated amounts in the Housing Trust
511 Fund for any fiscal year may be carried over to the succeeding fiscal
512 year and adjustments may be made for short fiscal periods.

513 (f) (1) The commissioner may select a third-party contract
514 administrator to establish or maintain a revolving loan fund or to carry
515 out some of the duties of the department under the Housing Trust
516 Fund program. For any contract having a cost of more than fifty
517 thousand dollars, the third-party administrator shall be selected
518 through a competitive process and may be paid from the moneys in

519 the Housing Trust Fund. Such administrator may not spend more than
520 fifteen per cent of the contract cost on administrative expenses.

521 (2) Any contract with a third-party contract administrator selected
522 for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a revolving loan fund
523 shall provide that all outstanding loans are assigned to the department
524 when the third-party administrator is (A) no longer establishing or
525 maintaining the revolving loan fund; (B) in default of its obligations to
526 the department; or (C) no longer functioning as an entity.

527 [(g) The commissioner shall include in the report required pursuant
528 to section 32-1m, an annual report concerning the activities for the
529 prior fiscal year of the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust
530 Fund program and the efforts of the department to obtain private
531 support for the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund
532 program.]

533 Sec. 6. Section 12-263m of the general statutes is repealed and the
534 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

535 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Eligible dry cleaning establishment"
536 means any place of business engaged in the cleaning of clothing or
537 other fabrics using tetrachlorethylene, Stoddard solvent or other
538 chemicals or any place of business that accepts clothing or other fabrics
539 to be cleaned by another establishment using such chemicals, (2) "gross
540 receipts at retail" means the total amount accruing from dry cleaning
541 services at retail, valued in money, without any deduction for the cost
542 of the materials used, labor or service cost or any other expense, and
543 (3) "eligible applicant" means (A) a business owner or operator of an
544 eligible dry cleaning establishment, or (B) an owner of property that is
545 or that was occupied by an eligible dry cleaning establishment.

546 (b) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services by
547 each dry cleaning establishment a surcharge of one per cent of its gross
548 receipts at retail for any dry cleaning service performed on or after
549 January 1, 1995. Each such establishment shall register with the
550 Commissioner of Revenue Services on forms prescribed by him. Each

551 such establishment shall submit a return quarterly to the
552 Commissioner of Revenue Services, applicable with respect to the
553 calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1995, and each calendar quarter
554 thereafter, on or before the last day of the month immediately
555 following the end of each such calendar quarter, on a form prescribed
556 by the commissioner, together with payment of the quarterly
557 surcharge determined and payable in accordance with the provisions
558 of this section. Whenever such surcharge is not paid when due, a
559 penalty of ten per cent of the amount due or fifty dollars, whichever is
560 greater, shall be imposed, and such surcharge shall bear interest at the
561 rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof until the same is
562 paid. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall cause copies of a
563 form prescribed for submitting returns as required under this section
564 to be distributed to persons subject to the surcharge. Failure to receive
565 such form shall not be construed to relieve anyone subject to the
566 surcharge under this section from the obligations of submitting a
567 return, together with payment of such surcharge within the time
568 required. The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and
569 sections 12-555a and 12-555b shall apply to the provisions of this
570 section in the same manner and with the same force and effect as if the
571 language of said sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and sections
572 12-555a and 12-555b had been incorporated in full into this section and
573 had expressly referred to the surcharge imposed under this section,
574 except to the extent that any such provision is inconsistent with a
575 provision of this section and except that the term "tax" shall be read as
576 "dry cleaning establishment surcharge". Any moneys received by the
577 state pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the account
578 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

579 (c) There is established an account within the General Fund to be
580 known as the "dry cleaning establishment remediation account". Said
581 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in
582 the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any
583 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year
584 next succeeding. The account shall be used by the Department of
585 Economic and Community Development for grants made to owners or

586 operators of eligible dry cleaning establishments or owners of property
587 on which an eligible dry cleaning establishment has been in operation
588 for at least a year prior to the approval of the application or was
589 previously operated for at least a year prior to such approval.

590 (d) The state, acting through the Commissioner of Economic and
591 Community Development, shall use the dry cleaning establishment
592 remediation account to provide grants to applicants for the purposes
593 of the containment and removal or mitigation of environmental
594 pollution resulting from the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,
595 seepage or filtration of chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous
596 products or hazardous wastes on or at the site of an eligible dry
597 cleaning establishment or for measures undertaken to prevent such
598 pollution which are approved by the Commissioner of Energy and
599 Environmental Protection. In order to qualify for a grant under the
600 provisions of this section an eligible applicant must demonstrate to the
601 satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic and Community
602 Development that (1) the eligible dry cleaning establishment is using
603 or previously used, tetrachlorethylene or Stoddard solvent or other
604 chemicals for the purpose of cleaning clothes or other fabrics, (2) the
605 eligible dry cleaning establishment has been doing business or did
606 business at the site for a period of at least one year prior to the
607 submission date or approval date of the application for assistance
608 under this section, (3) the eligible dry cleaning establishment or owner
609 of property is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state
610 or any political subdivision of the state and the dry cleaning surcharge
611 imposed by subsection (b) of this section, and (4) the eligible applicant
612 is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state or any
613 political subdivision of the state. Any funds disbursed as a grant under
614 this section shall not be subject to attachment in the satisfaction of any
615 judgment against the recipient of such grant in any civil action.

616 (e) Notwithstanding the terms of any grant made under this section,
617 an eligible applicant shall bear all the costs of such pollution that are
618 less than ten thousand dollars. The Commissioner of Economic and
619 Community Development may provide a grant of up to three hundred

620 thousand dollars to the eligible applicant where the eligible applicant
621 has provided said commissioner with documentation satisfactory to
622 said commissioner that the services for which payment is sought have
623 been or will be completed. No eligible applicant shall receive more
624 than three hundred thousand dollars per eligible dry cleaning
625 establishment. There shall be allocated to the Department of Economic
626 and Community Development annually from the account, for
627 administrative costs, an amount equal to five per cent of the maximum
628 balance of the account in the preceding year or one hundred thousand
629 dollars, whichever is greater. In addition the account may be used (1)
630 to provide grants to the Department of Energy and Environmental
631 Protection for expenditures made investigating dry cleaning
632 establishments, (2) to provide potable water whenever necessary, and
633 (3) to conduct environmental site assessments.

634 (f) Requests for grants shall be made to the Commissioner of
635 Economic and Community Development. Any eligible applicant
636 seeking a grant shall provide documentation supporting the need for
637 the grant.

638 (g) Any dry cleaning establishment which unlawfully or
639 intentionally discharges or spills any chemical liquids or solid, liquid
640 or gaseous products or hazardous wastes shall not be eligible for a
641 grant from the account.

642 (h) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
643 shall establish procedures for distribution of the grants and shall adopt
644 criteria to carry out the provisions of this section. Such criteria shall
645 specify (1) who may apply for grants; (2) how establishments, whether
646 owned or leased, will be determined to be eligible for grants; (3) the
647 costs for which grants may be made; and (4) a method for ensuring
648 timely payment of funds to grant recipients.

649 [(i) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
650 shall include in the report required pursuant to section 32-1m an
651 annual report that shall include information as to the number of
652 applications received, and the number and amounts of grants made,

653 since the inception of the program, the names of the applicants, the
654 time period between submission of an application and the decision to
655 approve or deny the grant, which applications were approved and
656 which applications were denied and the reasons for denial. Such report
657 shall further include a recommendation as to whether the surcharge
658 and the grant program established under this section should continue.]

659 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 32-1r of the general statutes is
660 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
661 *1, 2013*):

662 (a) [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-
663 1m, on] On or before January 1, 2011, and every three years thereafter,
664 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in
665 consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall prepare
666 a report with regard to any tax credit or abatement program enacted
667 for the purpose of recruitment or retention of businesses. The report
668 shall include, but need not be limited to:

669 (1) A baseline assessment of the tax credit and abatement programs
670 enacted to encourage business growth in the state, including the
671 number of aggregate jobs associated with taxpayers eligible for such
672 tax credits or abatements and the aggregate annual revenue that such
673 taxpayers generate for the state through the direct taxes applied to
674 them and through their support of the state's economy through
675 employment and other activities;

676 (2) A listing, by program, of the amount of tax credits and
677 abatements approved by the state during the preceding calendar year;

678 (3) A summary and evaluation of all tax credit programs
679 administered by the Department of Economic and Community
680 Development. Such summary and evaluation shall include, but need
681 not be limited to, for each tax credit program: (A) An assessment of the
682 intended statutory and programmatic goals of the tax credit; (B) the
683 number of taxpayers granted tax credits under the program during the
684 previous twelve-month period; (C) the value of the tax credits granted,

685 listed by the North American Industrial Classification System code
686 associated with the taxpayers receiving such credits; (D) the value of
687 the tax credits actually claimed and the value of the tax credits carried
688 forward, listed by the North American Industrial Classification System
689 code associated with the taxpayers claiming or carrying forward the
690 credits; (E) an assessment and five-year projection of the potential
691 impact on the state's revenue stream from carry forwards allowed
692 under such tax credit program; (F) an analysis of the economic impact
693 of the tax credit program and whether the statutory and programmatic
694 goals are being met, with obstacles to such goals identified, if possible;
695 (G) the type and value of tax credits assigned and a summary by North
696 American Industrial Classification System codes of taxpayers to which
697 such credits are assigned; (H) a cost-benefit analysis of the revenue
698 foregone by allowing a tax credit, as compared to the economic impact
699 of such credit; (I) the cost to the state to administer the tax credit
700 program, and a comparison between such cost and the net revenue
701 generated to the state by each such program; (J) the average and
702 aggregate administrative and compliance cost, to taxpayers, to comply
703 with the requirements of the tax credit program; and (K) a
704 recommendation as to whether the tax credit program should be
705 continued, modified or repealed, the basis for such recommendation
706 and the expected impact of such recommendation on the state's
707 economy;

708 (4) (A) An assessment of the fairness, performance, burden, tax
709 incidence and economic impact of the state's corporation business tax
710 and taxes on domestic and foreign insurance companies pursuant to
711 chapter 207; (B) the cost to the state to administer the state's
712 corporation business tax and taxes on domestic and foreign insurance
713 companies pursuant to chapter 207, and a comparison between such
714 costs and the net revenue generated to the state by such taxes, and (C)
715 the average and aggregate administrative and compliance costs to
716 taxpayers associated with such taxes; and

717 (5) The methodology and assumptions used in carrying out the
718 assessments, projections and analyses required pursuant to

719 subdivisions (1), (3) and (4) of this subsection.

720 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 4-124dd of the general statutes is
721 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
722 *1, 2013*):

723 (a) There is established a Connecticut Allied Health Workforce
724 Policy Board which shall act in coordination with the Connecticut
725 Career Ladder Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 4-
726 124bb to: (1) Monitor data and trends in the allied health workforce,
727 including, but not limited to, (A) the state's current and future supply
728 and demand for allied health professionals, and (B) the current and
729 future capacity of the state system of higher education to educate and
730 train students pursuing allied health professions; (2) develop
731 recommendations for the formation and promotion of an economic
732 cluster, as defined in section [32-4e] 32-222, as amended by this act, for
733 allied health professions; (3) identify recruitment and retention
734 strategies for public and independent institutions of higher education
735 with allied health programs; (4) develop recommendations for
736 promoting diversity in the allied health workforce, including, but not
737 limited to, racial, ethnic and gender diversity and for enhancing the
738 attractiveness of allied health professions; (5) develop
739 recommendations regarding financial and other assistance to students
740 enrolled in or considering enrolling in allied health programs offered
741 at public or independent institutions of higher education; (6) identify
742 recruitment and retention strategies for allied health employers; (7)
743 develop recommendations about recruiting and utilizing retired
744 nursing faculty members to teach or train students to become licensed
745 practical nurses or registered nurses; and (8) examine nursing
746 programs at public and independent institutions of higher education
747 and develop recommendations about the possibility of streamlining
748 the curricula offered in such programs to facilitate timely program
749 completion. For purposes of this section, "allied health workforce" and
750 "allied health professionals" means professionals or paraprofessionals
751 who are qualified by special training, education, skills and experience
752 in providing health care, treatment and diagnostic services, under the

753 supervision of or in collaboration with a licensed practitioner, and
 754 includes, but is not limited to, physician assistants, registered nurses,
 755 licensed practical nurses, certified nurse assistants, home health aides,
 756 radiological technologists and technicians, medical therapists and
 757 other qualified technologists and technicians.

758 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 32-222 of the general statutes is
 759 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 760 *1, 2013*):

761 (e) "Economic cluster" means [an economic cluster, as defined in
 762 section 32-4e,] a grouping of industries linked together through
 763 customer, supplier or other relationships, which is recognized by the
 764 commissioner;

765 Sec. 10. Sections 32-4e and 32-4h of the general statutes are repealed.
 766 (*Effective July 1, 2013*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-1m
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4-124z(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	8-30g(k)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	8-37yy
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	8-336p
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	12-263m
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-1r(a)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4-124dd(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-222(e)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	Repealer section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) by modifying the content of the DECD annual report. DECD can accommodate these changes to the report as it is within the scope of the agency's duties to develop strategies related to the topics listed in the bill and monitor such programs that implement the agency's strategies.

The bill also eliminates a requirement for Connecticut Innovations, Inc. to prepare a report on economic clusters. There is no fiscal impact to this agency.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6469****AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes many changes to the kinds of analyses, summaries, and data the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) must include in its annual report to the governor and legislature. It mostly eliminates many reporting requirements and makes conforming technical changes to other laws that refer to them. It also eliminates the requirement that the annual report incorporate any other statutorily required report.

The bill adds the requirement that the report include an overview of DECD's tourism-, arts-, and historic preservation-related activities.

The bill eliminates a separate report Connecticut Innovations, Inc. must prepare on the financial assistance it provided to businesses within the state's economic clusters, which are groups of businesses linked together through customers, suppliers, or other relationships. It also makes related technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

ANNUAL REPORT CHANGES

Current law requires DECD to address 22 general topics in its annual report and specifies the kind of analyses, summaries, and data DECD must provide with respect to each topic. The bill eliminates some topics, including their specific reporting requirements. It retains other topics, but eliminates some of their specific reporting

requirements. Table 1 summarizes the changes the bill makes to reporting requirements.

Table 1: Summary of Bill's Changes to DECD's Annual Reporting Requirements

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Bill's Changes</i>
Description and Assessment of State's Economy	Deletes topic and specified reporting requirements
Statement of DECD's Economic and Community Development Objectives, Performance Measures, and Standards for Granting Financial and Non-Financial Assistance	Deleted topic (current law specifies no additional reporting requirements)
Analysis of DECD's Economic Development Portfolio	Retains topic but deletes the following reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extent to which the employees of recipient companies participate in company-health plans • extent to which recipient companies offer unique economic, social, cultural, or aesthetic attributes to the host municipality • analysis of the portfolio's wage data by municipality • share of financial assistance provided to high performance work organizations • productivity resulting from such financial assistance • impact of assistance of property values
Analysis of DECD's Community Development Portfolio	Retains topic, but deletes the following reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • total portfolio by municipality • total investment for the prior year by municipality • leverage ratio for prior year's investments • prior year's investment activity • direct and indirect jobs the portfolio created during prior year • productivity resulting from the investments
Summaries of DECD's Prior Year's Marketing Efforts and Business Recruitment Strategies and Small and Minority-Business Assistance Efforts	Delete topic (current law specifies no additional reporting requirements)
Summary of DECD's International Trade Efforts	No change
Identification of Existing Economic Clusters, Prior Year's Measures to Assist them, and Bonds Spent on Clusters	Deletes topic (current law specifies no additional reporting requirements)
Summary of DECD's Brownfields-Related Efforts and Activities of Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development	Deleted
Enterprise Zone Program Information	Deleted
Biodiesel Producer Incentive Account	Deleted

Program Assessment	
Fuel Diversification Grant Program Assessment	Deleted
Summary of Permit Ombudsman's Prior Year's Brownfields-Related Efforts and Activities	Retains topic, but deletes the following reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applicants receiving expedited review • request dates for expedited review • each applicant's claims for expedited review • state agencies that participated in expedited review process • application approval or denial dates • reasons for denying expedited review
DECD's Housing Development-Related Functions	Retains topic, but deletes the following reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • description and assessment of state's housing market • list of municipalities where developers can access the affordable housing land use appeals procedure • statement of DECD's housing development objectives, program measures, and standards for funding housing projects
DECD's State Funded Housing Development Portfolio	Retains topic, but deletes the following reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for each recipient, the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be preserved when the recipient applied for funding • leverage ratio for prior year's investments • for each municipality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ total number of units created ○ total units preserved • analysis of the income groups served by DECD's housing programs • specified data related to DECD's efforts to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic integration
Housing Development Portfolio's Economic Impact	Retains topic, but deletes the requirement that DECD report on the direct and indirect jobs created by the portfolio's investments
Housing Trust Fund and Housing Trust Fund Program Activities	Deleted
Social and Economic Impact of DECD's Economic, Community, and Housing Development Efforts and Activities and Assessment of DECD's Performance in Meeting Stated Goals and Objectives	No change
Connecticut Credit Consortium Activities	Deletes topic (current law specifies no additional reporting requirements)
Small Business Express Program Data	No change
Summary of Airport Development Zones' Costs and Benefits	No change
Overview of DECD's Tourism, Arts, and	Adds new topic, but does not specify additional

Historic Preservation Efforts	reporting requirements.
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COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2013)